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SENATE BILL 6272

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- AN ACT Relating to record checks of educational employees; adding a new section to chapter 28A.400 RCW; creating a new section; making an
- 3 appropriation; providing an expiration date; and declaring an
- 4 emergency.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 6 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. (1) By June 30, 1997, school districts,
- 7 educational service districts, and their contractors shall require that
- 8 all employees who have regularly scheduled unsupervised access to
- 9 children and were hired before June 11, 1992, undergo a record check
- 10 through the Washington state patrol criminal identification system
- 11 under RCW 43.43.830 through 43.43.838, 10.97.030, and 10.97.050 and
- 12 through the federal bureau of investigation. The record check shall
- 13 include a fingerprint check using a complete Washington state criminal
- 14 identification fingerprint card. The requesting entity shall provide
- 15 a copy of the record report to the employee. If an employee has had a
- 16 record check after June 11, 1992, the district or contractor may waive
- 17 the requirement. Once an employee has a record check as required under
- 18 this section, additional record checks shall not be required of the

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- 1 employee unless required by other provisions of law, or at the 2 discretion of the school district.
- 3 (2) Employees, school districts, and educational service districts
- 4 shall not be required by the state patrol or superintendent of public
- 5 instruction to pay for the record check required in subsection (1) of
- 6 this section.
- 7 (3) The state patrol and superintendent of public instruction shall
- 8 complete the record checks required in this section no later than June
- 9 30, 1997.
- 10 (4) This section expires June 30, 1997.
- 11 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.400
- 12 RCW to read as follows:
- 13 A classified employee who has a record check under section 1 of
- 14 this act may appeal under chapter 28A.645 RCW including an appeal under
- 15 a collective bargaining agreement.
- 16 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 3.** The sum of two million dollars, or as much
- 17 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending
- 18 June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the superintendent of public
- 19 instruction for the purposes of section 1 of this act.
- 20 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
- 21 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
- 22 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
- 23 effect immediately.

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